

Docket No.

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DECLARATION FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention **entitled** (Insert Title) **APPARATUS FOR DETECTING HEAT SEALED PLACES OF PLASTIC FILM MEANS**  
the specification of which (check one of blocks 1, 2 or 3)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.
2.  was filed on October 24, 2000 as International PCT Application Serial No. PCT/JP00/07437 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(if applicable)
3.  was filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed.

Pat.Appn.No. 302125 of 1999 (Number) Japan 25/10/1999 Priority Claimed  
 Yes  No

(Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed)  
Pat. Appln. No. 07/166,662

374660 of 1999 Japan 28/12/1999 x Yes \_ No  
(Number) (Country) (Date/ Month/ Year) ( )

(Name) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed)  
Pat. Appln. No. 2000 667044

2000-287344 Japan 21/09/2000  Yes  No  
(Number) (Country) (Date/Month/Year) (Response)

(Name) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed)

(Number) \_\_\_\_\_ (Country) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day/Month/Year Filed) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

See attached list for additional prior foreign applications

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

List Prior U.S. Applications:

(Appln. Serial No.) (Filing Date) (Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned)

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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NOTES

- A.
  - 1. For declaration to be filed with original U.S. (Non-PCT) Application Papers, check box 1.
  - 2. For declaration to be filed in U.S. National Phase of PCT Application (either with original national phase entry papers or subsequent to expiration of 20 or 30 month term), check box 2, and complete information.
  - 3. For declaration to be filed after original U.S. (Non-PCT) Application filing date, check box 3, and complete information.
- B. Please list all non-convention foreign applications relating to the invention (and check block "no"), as well as convention (priority) applications.
- C. If more than 4 prior foreign applications, please check this box and attach a sheet listing the remaining prior foreign applications.
- D. For the Inventor's "Residence", only the city and state is necessary, however the "Post Office Address" must be an address acceptable by a Post Office for delivery of mail.

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